

## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: DECEMBER 17, 2002

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *ps*

FROM: MICHELE R. EVANS, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER *ME*

SUBJECT: ANIMAL CONTROL RESPONSE TO WEEKEND CALLS FOR SERVICE

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At Council's December 14 public hearing meeting during the discussion of Windmill Hill Park, Council asked that staff look into citizen concerns about the availability of our animal control officers to respond to citizen calls on weekends. Council was told about several instances when a citizen called the shelter for assistance on a weekend and was told that our animal control officers could not respond to a call since they were busy assisting animal control officers in Arlington County.

I have discussed this with Kevin Byrne, President of the Alexandria Animal Welfare League, and Tara Blot, Acting Animal Shelter, who confirmed that our animal control officers respond only to calls in the Alexandria city limits and do not respond and (have not responded in the past) to calls in Arlington County. Ms Blot is taking steps to ensure that all animal shelter staff and volunteers are reminded that this is the shelter policy.

cc: Tara Blot, Acting Director, Vola Lawson Animal Shelter  
Kevin Byrne, President, Animal Welfare League of Alexandria  
Sandra Whitmore, Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Activities